



## ***Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes***

Date: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Time: 7:15 pm  
Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Attendees: Executive committee: Christopher Tonkin (chair), Doug Greenfield, Jack Johnson, Muris Kobaslija, Adam MacNeill, Scott Smith  
Town of Arlington: Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner  
APD/COBWEB: Officer Neil Simard  
David Creedon, Stephan Miller

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### **Review/approval of April minutes**

Approval of April 2019 minutes:

--Motion to approve

--carries, no opposition

The minutes were approved with two spelling corrections.

### **Tri-town meeting:**

Arlington had quorum, minutes to be distributed and approved.

### **COBWEB:**

Meeting at APD on 6/20, ABAC to discuss e-bikes and Lexington bike accident reporting with the APD leadership

No accidents reported in Arlington in this period, it was pretty quiet.

Discussion on Lexington's placement of barrels with STOP signs: they are actually in the process of removing all the STOP signs and replacing them with YIELD except on one crossing.

### **TAC report - Scott**

Discussed issues with Jason St. (Irving St. to Mass Av.) in terms of speed and volume of vehicles and Park St. at Appleton (difficult to cross as pedestrian).

### **Bike Share Updates:**

Daniel provided an update based on Lime's now weekly updates:

The usage statistics as of June 16<sup>th</sup> versus the period ending November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 can be found in Appendix 1 in the minutes.

Lime is targeting rides per vehicle per day to be around 2 (currently around 1.2) in order to bring more bikes.

They are launching in Medford with 50 bikes.

Lime is moving to e-scooters steadily across the country.

**Crossing at Trader Joe's:**

DPW will be doing the signage previously approved by ABAC and Town Manager by the end of the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**General updates from Daniel:**

**Bike maintenance station at Thorndike fields:**

The station is now repaired and the new tools are installed.

**Town Hall:**

Bike parking to be repaired and some additional bike racks to be added.

**New committee (Sustainable Transportation Planning Advisory Committee):**

New committee to be formed with members from ABAC, TAC, Parking, DPW, Planning, Police, Health.

**Bike Rodeo:**

Bike rodeo took place at Menotomy Manor (with Jeff Roth). Many bikes were fixed and kids really enjoyed the rodeo and the short ride.

**Town email on bike etiquette:**

Daniel drafted the email (aligned with ABAC views) and sent it via Town email. We can do similar things (newsletters, etc.) on a weekly basis.

**Debrief of ABAC planning session, next steps reports from the 6Es:**

This will be discussed in the next meeting (August), there will be a longer agenda item for it. The members should come prepared and send pre-reads 3 days prior to the meeting.

**Tri-town meeting report:**

Stephan, Scott, Jack, Christopher, Doug Mayo-Wells attended from ABAC.

Discussion on re-paving east section of the Lexington Minuteman and re-stripping the center line. Arlington should also re-stripe the center line but the fiscal year is over at the end of June so it might be difficult to do it this year.

Discussion on the idea of Auxiliary officers (patrols) that would patrol the Bikeway. ABAC members were not enthusiastic about the idea as described in the tri-town meeting.

--Motion to support some kind of community outreach to improve behavior by all of the users of the Bikeway but not support the full ambassador program (auxiliary officers) as described in the tri-town meeting.

--Carries, none opposed.

Discussion on the Lexington proposal for 15 mph speed advisory signage.

--Motion to agree with the Lexington proposal on putting advisory signage for 15 mph speed limit.

--The motion passed with 4 votes in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

Discussion on the Lexington proposal to ban class 2 & 3 e-bikes from the Bikeway. It was clarified that Class 1 e-bikes were pedal assist e-bikes up to 20 mph, Class 2 were throttle enabled e-bikes up to 20 mph, and Class 3 e-bikes were pedal assist up to 28 mph.

--Motion to support Lexington proposal to ban class 2 & 3 e-bikes from the Bikeway.

--The motion did not pass with 0 votes in favor, 6 against.

ABAC discussed the differences between Class 2 and 3 and how it would be good to understand whether banning Class 3 only would be something ABAC would consider.

--Motion to support Class 1 & 2 but to ban Class 3 from the Bikeway.

--the motion passed with 3 votes in favor, 2 against, 1 abstention.

In order to understand ABAC's position on each class it was decided that the previous vote would be reversed and then the committee would vote for each Class with one vote.

--Motion to strike the previous vote from the record

--the motion passed with 6 votes in favor, 0 against.

--Motion to accept Class 1 e-bikes on the Minuteman Bikeway.

--The motion passed with 6 votes in favor, 0 against.

--Motion to accept Class 2 e-bikes on the Minuteman Bikeway.

--The motion passed with 6 votes in favor, 0 against.

--Motion to accept Class 3 e-bikes on the Minuteman Bikeway.

--The motion did not pass with 1 vote in favor, 3 against, 2 abstentions.

ABAC will align with the State's current default position, pending legislation, to ban only Class 3 e-bikes from the Bikeway. ABAC's position is that Class 2 e-bikes enable people with disabilities, people living on the hills, people riding cargo bikes to ride more frequently and ride longer distances.

### **Booth at the Beer Garden:**

ABAC was present on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 during the early hours of the beer garden (noon to early afternoon). There wasn't a lot of interest, but majority of the people attending the beer garden didn't arrive until later in the afternoon. For the next

beer garden ABAC presence the later times will be prioritized. The next date is August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Since Christopher will be traveling in the weeks prior to that Doug Greenfield will coordinate ABAC participation.

**Townday Booth:**

ABAC will participate in the Townday festivities with a booth. The Townday is on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Facebook Report:**

No activity in the last month.

**Bikeway May Counts and the installation of an automated counter:**

May 18<sup>th</sup> count was the single day record (see the news release issued related to the bike counts: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/9532/16>)

An automated counter will be installed between Swan Pl. and Linwood St. and the bikeway will be closed during the installation. The installation should happen the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

**Safety Signs for the Bikeway:**

Community Preservation Act (CPA) would not be a possibility to fund this; the town appropriation would. This is an on-going discussion.

**Pleasant Street: more bike friendly:**

No plans to make any improvements as of right now. There is a discussion on what to do in regards to this important link between Arlington and Belmont. One idea would be to do this in couple of phases (i.e. repave first, then work on some kind of bicycle infrastructure). This item should be included in the Sustainable Transportation Plan (especially if more than just re-paving/sharrows is desired/needed).

**Other Business:**

Next Tri-town meeting will be in October, hosted by Arlington.

The conditions of Mass Av., from Broadway plaza to Pond Ln. (where the Mass Av. Project stopped) were discussed. There is an immediate need to at least fill in the potholes that are safety hazard for all cyclists.

No July meeting due to vacations.

-- motion to adjourn

-- carries none opposed

## Appendix 1: Bike share Update:



### Arlington Lime Bike Share Stats as of 06/16/2019

	Manual Bike*	E-Bike	Total:
Rides to Date:	15,502	8,260	23,762
Unique Riders:	4,611	2,385	6,996
Total Distance (miles):	14280.1	6608.7	20888.8
Number of Bikes in system**:	1	58	59
Trips per week**:	N/A	477	477
		<b>Average:</b>	
Median Distance/Trip (miles):	0.5	0.2	0.35
Median Time/Trip (minutes):	9	7	8
Rides per vehicle per day**:	N/A	1.2	1.2

\* Manual bikes mostly discontinued starting spring 2019

\*\* Average of data over one month

**Total Rides May 15, 2019 - June 16, 2019: 2,233**

### Comparison from Previous Report Stats as of 11/21/2018

	Manual Bike	E-Bike	Total:
Rides to Date:	14,421	2,299	16,720
Unique Riders:	4,464	888	5,352
Total Distance (miles):	13,775	2,707	16,482
Number of Bikes in system***:	84	35	119
Trips per week***:	257	196	453
		<b>Average:</b>	
Median Distance/Trip (miles):	0.5	0.3	0.4
Median Time/Trip (minutes):	10	8	9
Rides per vehicle per day***:	0.37	0.68	0.525

\*\*\* Average of data from 7 days previous